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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated June 16, 2000 and concurrent with the filing of this Rule 1.114 Request for Continuing Examination (RCE), the due date for response having been extended one (1) month to October 16, 2000, the following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the existing abstract with the new Abstract of the Disclosure attached hereto on a separate sheet.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows: